

Amendments to the Specification:

[0054] Screw follower 28 is pivotally mounted to trailing end 22 of boom arm 20 and is screw-threadedly engaged to elongate screw 30. First bevel gear 32 is secured to the trailing end of and rotates conjointly with screw 30. Second bevel gear 34 meshingly engages first bevel gear 32 and is keyed to output shaft 36 of motor 38 for conjoint rotation therewith. Gearbox 40 houses said first ~~an~~and second bevel gears and centers the trailing end of elongate screw 30 within the hollow interior of elongate base 16. The leading end of elongate screw 16 is centered within the hollow interior of said elongate base by screw follower 28.

[0060] Elongate rigid link ~~58~~52 is not provided in the embodiment of Figs. 3A and 3B. Accordingly, cradle arms 24, 24 are eliminated, together with the tab that extends from screw follower 28 and the tab that extends from the apex of cradle arms 24, 24. In this embodiment, a pair of transversely disposed walls 54, 56 are secured in upstanding relation to boom arm 20 to provide detents that engage whatever item may be placed atop boom arm 20. Hand crank 58 replaces motor 38 because the load associated with this embodiment is unlikely to be a boat in water but rather a four-wheeled scooter or other relatively light-in-weight land vehicle.